

Around the Corner-MGuhlin.Org

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Introduction



Mr. Guhlin's blog is an accumulation of his answers to educational technology questions posed by school, district, state, national, and even international colleagues for at least the last 9 years; links to all of his published works; and links to other blogs he supplements.

Source: <http://www.MGuhlin.net/cv>

Author

According to Mr. Guhlin's curriculum vitae, which serves as the source of the biographical information within this report, and is located on the site: <http://MGuhlin.net>, the man is a "doer." His vitae provides very detailed documentation of his academic and professional endeavors since his high school graduation in 1986 up to and including his current position as Director, Instructional Technology & Learning Services at San Antonio ISD. He has held that position since June 2002; simultaneously serving in leadership roles in statewide educational technology organizations, not the least of which is past president of Texas Computer Educators Association of Texas. When one takes in the proliferation of articles, blogs, and printed works that Mr. Guhlin has contributed to academia, it is not surprising to learn that his original baccalaureate degree is not computer science, but rather, English. His love of writing has enabled him to painstakingly document his technological research and development within his Around the Corner Blog. These endeavors have no doubt saved technologists across the state and nation a multitude of research and development hours as he has exposed the peaks and pitfalls of each new piece of equipment, software and trend to first his personal examination and then to public scrutiny with blog posts.

The remainder of this report will concentrate on Mr. Gullin's Blog, Around the Corner.

Main Topics Covered within the blog site.

Hall of Gratitude

<http://www.mguhlin.org/p/hall-of-gratitude.html>

Mr. Guhlin operates in an open source environment. He does not charge for his freely given advice, but does utilize the PayPal donation button. When anyone makes a donation, he posts a public *Thank You*.

Personal Information & Favorite Apps

<http://www.mguhlin.org/p/curriculum-vitae.html>

<http://www.mguhlin.org/p/about-miguel.html>

<http://www.mguhlin.org/p/my-favorite-apps.html>

This information is offered under three separate tabs on the home page of the Around the Corner Blog; Curriculum Vitae, About Miguel, & My favorite Apps. His Curriculum Vitae leaves no gaps. His About Miguel provides a full disclosure and answers any question I could have thought to ask him about his life. His favorite Apps begins with apps that have most recently appealed to him under the Mobile, Apple, Linux, and Windows Operating systems and for Moodle. His newest favorites appear first.

Published Writing, Blogs & Magazine articles

<http://www.mguhlin.org/p/published-writing.html>

This section is an organized set of lists of all of Mr. Guhlin's published work. He has 3 sections at the top, 2009-2010, 2008-2009, then Pre-2008. Below that, articles that range from mechanical "How-To's" to articles expounding the benefits of educational technology tools in the classroom. Many cover the current trends for the time period with careful details in language formats that his audience can understand; usually, non-technical terminology. He covers mostly open source applications such as content management systems (Joomla & Wordpress), but also learning management systems such as Moodle. The articles cover everything from installation tips to integration in the classroom tips. The older articles cover 1:1 computing in the context of palm pilot handhelds, but they also cover the review, setup, and use of the Web 2.0 tools we are discussing in our course. Blogs, Wiki's, Podcasts, & RSSfeeds. Some articles appear in more than one category.

Moodle Central

<http://www.mguhlin.org/p/moodle-central.html>

This section is devoted entirely to the open source Learning Management Server known as Moodle. Articles on the site explain what it does, how to install it, how to

	install and create courses within it, and how to integrate courses into online supplements to most classes. The beauty of this server is that there are no ongoing fees, just the cost of the server and its maintenance and Classrooms district wide can add online document submission, online quizzes, gradebooks, Wiki's, Blogs, Podcasts, tweets, etc. from within the relative safety of the district intranet.
The Left Column	The left column includes two very interesting features. The first if these is a section that tracks down the location of each Blog reader to the nearest location. The second let's readers know what other readers are reading.
The Right Column	Is a document library organized by topics that also tells you how many documents are in each category.

Evaluation

Mr. Guhlin's Blog is a diligent effort to keep the educational community, abreast of the latest tools and tips for technology integration into every classroom. He tries to stay away from politics, which is difficult these days and instead focuses on prose that makes the reader want to go try the latest tech thing/tool he is discussing. His has a gift for keeping it simple so that non-technical folks are just as ready to tackle their tech experiment as the most seasoned tech. professional. His blog discussions are timely, discussing the current topics of interest to the educational technology world. Current topics range from teacher layoffs, concerns over proposed changes to the Teacher Retirement System to educational uses for ipads, and androids. Recent articles have also linked us the discussions of an Oklahoma Technology director as upset over the shortcomings in Pearson Assessment software and the company's failure to fix it.

I have utilized Mr. Guhlin's blog site on several occasions over the years and generally take time to read his articles wherever I find them. They are well written and relevant. Around the Corner-MGuhlin.org is a very useful technology resource for the seasoned professional and/or novice in need of a quick "how to", and, by the way, they are available as mp4 videos that anyone can watch on an .mp4 compatible player.

Resources:

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